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SUBJECT: INCIDENT WITH ANGOLAN MINISTER, MATEUS NETO

1. DEPARTMENT WAS NOTIFIED ON MARCH 7 THAT ANGOLAN MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (AT FIRST IDENTIFIED AS KIZOLA BUT LATER AS MATEUS NETO), HAD ARRIVED IN NEW YORK AND BEEN SUBJECTED TO UNTOWARD CUSTOMS TREATMENT. NETO APPARENTLY WAS ON VISIT TO UNDP AND ONLY INFORMATION WE HAVE ON INCIDENT COMES SECOND HAND FROM UNDP REP IN NEW YORK. LATTER REPORTED NETO SAID HE WAS GIVEN THOROUGH SEARCH AND THAT HIS "DOCUMENTS" WERE PHOTOGRAPHED. NETO SUPPOSEDLY WAS ON DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT (PORTUGUESE, ZAIROIS?) AND FEELS AFFRONTED AT TREATMENT RECEIVED. UNDP REP QUOTED HIM AS SAYING THIS WAS HIS "FIRST AND LAST" VISIT TO US. NETO

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REPORTEDLY DEPARTED EVENING OF MARCH 11.

2. DEPARTMENT AND USUN TRIED REPEATEDLY MARCH 7 THROUGH 11 TO REACH NETO TO ASCERTAIN FACTS OF AND APOLOGIZE FOR INCIDENT. TELEPHONE AND VERBAL MESSAGES THROUGH HIS HOTEL AND UNDP WENT UNANSWERED ALTHOUGH PURPOSE OF MESSAGE WAS MADE ABUNDANTLY CLEAR. USUN ARRANGED FOR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR NETO AT HIS DEPARTURE.

3. FYI: PURPOSE OF ABOVE IS TO ALERT POST IN CASE NETO FOLLOWS UP WITH COMPLAINT AND/OR IN CASE POST CAN DO ANY-

THING TO SMOOTH RUFFLED FEATHERS. NETO'S ARRIVAL WAS COMPLETELY UNKNOWN TO US (WHERE DID HE OBTAIN VISA?) AND UNDP ITSELF STATES THAT HE WAS NOT ON ITS SCHEDULE AND DID NOT NOTIFY AGENCY OF HIS INTENTIONS UNTIL AFTER ARRIVAL. NETO HAS NOT CLAIMED ANY ABUSE AT AIRPORT, ONLY THOROUGH SEARCH PROCEDURES - WHICH CAN BE CONSIDERED NORMAL - SO INCIDENT WAS PROBABLY UNAVOIDABLE UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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